

ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

CONSENT

Committees: Miscellaneous
Sponsors:
Co-Sponsors:

Agenda No.

RESOLUTION NO. OF 2018

RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (OASAS), OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH (OMH), AND OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (OPWDD) TO IMMEDIATELY MEET WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY OFFICIALS AND PROVIDE FUNDS AND RESOURCES TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE ORANGE COUNTY 2018 LOCAL SERVICES PLAN FOR MENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 41 of the New York State Mental Hygiene Law, each county is required to maintain a Local Government Unit to “guide” the delivery of mental health, substance abuse, and developmentally disabled services in their “areas”. Through their local services planning authority, they are required by federal and state law to identify and plan for the needs of all residents who are at risk or in need of mental health, substance abuse disorder, and developmental disabilities services through an annual “Local Service Plan”; and

WHEREAS, policies, standards, funding, facilities and a qualified workforce have traditionally come from federal and New York State agencies, such as the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), Office of Mental Health (OMH), and Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). New York State has opted to “transform” its mental health services towards managed health care, regionalization of facilities and a reduction of New York State workforce with a goal and objective towards the use of voluntary and not for profit agencies and local governmental units providing “costs savings” and efficiencies to the state agencies. As a result of New York State’s mandate, local government units must now redesign their local service plans and “reinvest” less state dollars into a new model that has less “beds and facilities within the region” (not only Orange County), increased transportation costs, and overall less services for the residents of the County of Orange who are most in need; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County 2018 Local Services Plan for Mental Hygiene Services submitted by the Orange County Department of Mental Health dated October 31, 2017¹ includes the following:

“Section 1. Overall Needs Assessment by Population

- a) Indicate how the level of unmet **mental health services needs**, in general, has changed over the past year: **Worsened.**
- b) Indicate how the level of unmet **substance use disorder (SUD) needs**, in general, has changed over the past year: **Worsened.**

¹ See Attached

- c) Indicate how the level of unmet needs of the **developmentally disabled population**, in general, has changed in the past year: **Worsened**

Section 2. Goals Based on Local Needs

2a. Housing – Background Information

The rising cost of housing in Orange County has made affordable housing a challenge. Orange County has lost 10 high level State Operated transitional living housing beds in 2017. Prior to the loss of these beds, Orange County consistently had a waitlist for housing (please see average number of people on waitlist below):

	<i>(Waitlist as of April 2, 2018)</i>
. Community Residences: 91.2	100
. Supportive Licenses Treatment Apts: 135.2	144
. PRP/Enhanced Supportive Treatment Apts.: 47	47
. Supported Non-Licensed Individual Apts.: 326	409
. Supported Non-Licensed HUD Family Apts.: 66	76

WHEREAS, New York State’s mandate to transition into their new model with less dollars, less beds and a reduced experienced state workforce has left Orange County with the inability to adequately “guide” the delivery of mental health, substance abuse, and developmentally disabled services to Orange County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that We, the Orange County Legislature do hereby urge the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature, Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), Office of Mental Health (OMH), and Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to immediately convene, meet with state and local officials to provide sufficient funds, resources, facilities and an experienced workforce to stabilize and strengthen the local mental health safety net for Orange County residents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, We, the Orange County Legislature, respectfully request that each recipient of this Resolution advise this body as to what actions they plan to take to address the concerns expressed herein and provide an update to the County of Orange within six months from the date of this resolution as to what actual results have been obtained; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Orange County Legislature forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate, Senators William J. Larkin Jr. and John J. Bonacic; Assembly Members: Karl A. Brabenec, James Skoufis, Aileen M. Gunther and Brian D. Miller; State Agencies: Ann Marie Sullivan, M.D. Commissioner for New York State Office of Mental Health, Kerry A. Delaney, Commissioner of New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, Arlene Gonzalez-Sanchez, Commissioner Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services and to Darcie M. Miller LCSW-R, Orange County Commissioner for the Departments of Mental Health and Social Services.

DATED: MAY 3, 2018

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ORANGE**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I, JEAN M. RAMPPEN, Clerk of the County Legislature of said County of Orange, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in my office and which was passed by the County Legislature of said County of Orange on the 3rd day of May 2018 and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of said County Legislature this 4th day of May 2018.

Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Orange

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RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 68 OF 2018 CREATING A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FOR COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, this Legislature does wish to provide funds to the Orange County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation in the amount of \$445,079.00 by creating a capital project **account** for the County park improvements. This capital project shall be funded by the transfer of unused fund balance in Capital Project No. 138, "2005 Open Space Fund."

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that a capital project **Account** is hereby established in the amount of \$445,079.00, County Park Improvements for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation and that said funds are to come from the existing Capital Project No. 138, as listed in the attached schedule A; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to make such modifications forthwith.

APPROVED: MAY 3, 2018

STEVEN M. NEUHAUS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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SCHEDULE A
Legislative Request 2018-

Fund	Org	Account	Description	Amount
REVENUE:				
1100	199701	450311	Interfund Transfer	(\$445,079)
1100	719701	450311	Interfund Transfer	\$445,079
EXPENDITURE:				
1100	199701	577010	Capital Expense	(\$445,079)
1100	719701	577010	Capital Expense	\$445,079